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Honorable Paul Simon  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Simon:

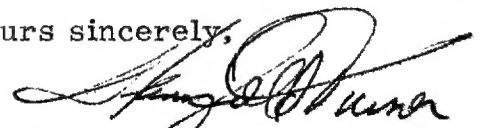
I appreciate this opportunity to comment on your draft bill, "The International Education and Intelligence Agency Abuses Reform Act of 1977," which would prohibit intelligence agency involvement with persons connected with educational and cultural programs.

The issues raised by your draft legislation are extremely important, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss them in greater detail with you at your convenience. Without going into great detail at this time, however, I am convinced that the bill is drafted too broadly and that its application to both U.S. persons and foreign nationals would be uncertain. This legislation would hamper the ability of the Government's foreign intelligence agencies to fulfill their mission. I am also troubled by the limitations the bill would place on private citizens' freedom to approach the Government voluntarily if they feel the need to provide information.

I hope these few thoughts give you some idea of the issues involved and of my concerns over how such legislation would impact on the mission of the Government's foreign intelligence agencies. I should also mention that there are extensive internal controls and restrictions governing the use by the Central Intelligence Agency of individuals and groups participating in U.S.-sponsored or -directed international programs. Also, a new Executive order is in the final stages of preparation, and it too will address the broad issue with which your draft legislation deals, namely, the relationship between the Government's foreign intelligence agencies and private citizens and entities. Finally, let me emphasize that we are working closely with the intelligence committees in both the House and the Senate to insure full and proper congressional oversight of the foreign intelligence authorities and activities of the Government. I might add that one area of mutual interest involves the issue of intelligence charter legislation, both in general terms and as related to specific issues involving CIA relationships with private individuals and entities.

Again, I appreciate your interest, and I would be happy to have a member of my staff discuss your draft legislation with you in greater detail.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

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September 6, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Admiral Turner:

I am in the process of developing legislation to curtail intelligence agency involvement in government supported programs of international education, the arts, humanities and cultural affairs.

Enclosed is a copy of a draft of a bill that I am considering introducing on this subject. I am very interested in any comments you might have concerning the need for the bill or its specific structure. I am especially interested to know whether you think the use of the phrase "directly or indirectly" is too broad, and, if so, if you can think of a better way of approaching this problem.

I have also enclosed a copy of a draft statement that I may use if I introduce this bill. This should provide some background information on my purpose in considering introducing this bill.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to your reply.

Cordially,

  
Paul Simon  
U. S. Congressman

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